1	2	3	4	5
5	Nigeria	14.1	18.9	13.7
6	Singapore	10.8	55.9	57.8
7	Sri Lanka	3.4	5.3	17.8
8	U.A.E.	7.0	12.6	37.6
9	U.S.A.	74.9	151.2	187.7
10	Vietnam S.R.	..	5.3	19.0

Source : Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.

Indo-US Trade Fame!

761. SHRl SURESH KAL MADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to activate the Indo-US trade panel; and

(b) if so, what are the details of different fields to be coveted thereunder ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRl PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) During the visit of the Prime Minister to USA in May 1994 it was agreed, inter-alia, that the Indo-US Joint Commission should be revived and meeting of the Indo-US Sub-Commission on economy and commerce be convened early next year. A Working Group on Trade exists under this Sub-Commission. This issue has been discussed at various levels thereafter for finalising the work programme of the Sub-Commission.

Trade Corridor between Malaysia and India

762. SHRI V. RAJAN CHEL-LAPPA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Malaysia has proposed a trade corridor with India for better trade promotion ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whelher similar arrangements will also be extended to SAARC countries ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Demand for opening International Border with Myarmrr srd China

763. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the demand for opening the international borders with Myanmar and China for trade and transit was repeated at the thirty seventh meeting of'the North-Eastern Council by the seven member States; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export House Status to Corporations

764. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have granted the Export House Status to

some corporations in the public | and private sector

(b) it' so, what are the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether G >\have provided any incentives and financial asistance to irporation

the details t'lereof during each oi the last three years; anj

:riteria fixed by Governmen for releasing such incentives and assistance to these corporations annually ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRl PRANAB MUKHERJEE) :

(a) Yes, Sir. Thi$_s$ is being done in nee wi;h ihe provision outlined in Chapter XII of the Handbook of Procedures and Import Export Policy (92-97} revised upto 30th March, 1994.

(b) Staie-wise details of parties ac corded Expor; House/Trading House/ louse and Super Star Trading House Status are given jn (he An-nexu~e [S-'e Appendix 172|Annexure 20]

(c) and (d) Incentives and facilities available to such ital '' holders are :—

(i) Special Import Licence either on FOB or NFB basis for imports o'"i'$_t$.;;n. listed in Appen XXXV of the Handbook of Procedures under normal Customs duty as per entitlement in terms of Para \(a) of the Handbook of Procedures.

(ii) With effect from 1-4-94, as per entitle! iport of car isalso allow of para 217(e) & (f) of Handbook of Procedures on 1 customs duty payable in free foteign exchange out of status holders C' earning foreign currency (BEFC) accounts as one time facility for their official use.

(iii) Import of gold & silver against payment of commercial rates of c istoms duty in free foreign exchange.

(tv) Market Development Assistance for export promotional activities abro

(v) on from pre-shipment inspection from customs & other agencies.

(vi) Facility of submitting legal undertaking instead of Bank Guarantee to import duty free raw-materials/ capital goods foi the purpose of manufacturing items of exnorts under Duty Exemption Scheme and EPOG Schemes respectively.

(e) I. Special Import Licence either on FOB on NFB basis as per the following entitlement:—

Category of Exporter	Entitlement rate on FOB value of exports realised in the pr- ceding licensing year.	Entitlement rate on NFB on the exports in the preceding licencing year
Export House	3%	5%
Trading House	4%	7.5%
Star Trading House	5%	10%
Super Star Trading House.	10%	15%

II. Entitlement for one time import of cars is as under :—

Export House	1 Car
Trading House	2 Cars.
Star Trading House	3 Cars.
Super star Trading House	5 Cars.

III. Entitlement for MDA is as under :—

	Air fare	D.A.	Publicity
For Sales/Study Team Manufacturing SSI Export House	60%	30%	..
Trading House, Star Tra.ling House/Super Star Trading/ Large Scale Units/Merchant Export House	25%	12.5%	..
For participation in fairs/exhibitions through ITPO/BPC	50%	25%	25% not exceeding 10,000.

Export Promotion Industrial Parks in Kerala

765. SHRI V. RAJAN CHEL-LAPPA : Wil! the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether rhe Central Govemment have received any proposals from the Government of Kerala for setting up of Export Promotion Industrial Parks at Ernakulam and n Trivandrum ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; | acd

(c) the action taken by Govern ment for the early clearance of these proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As the Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIP) Scheme envisages the establishment of one park in each State initially, the proposal for setting up an EPIP at Ernakulam has been approved.

Robbing of a Boy by ITFO Security Guards

766. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a 13 year old boy was robbed of rupees 18,000/- by two guards of the International Trade Promotion Organisation on duty at India Interna-[15] tional Trade Fair-94, held during 14th to 27th November, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such an act by the security guards has been reacted upon sharply by the foreign participants;

(d) whether such an incident has lowered the image of the country; and

(e) whether Government have taken any action in the matter ensuring non-occurrence of such incidents in future?